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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SLICE GROUP XXXI-
XXXV (1980-1984)

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1. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE NOW HAS SACEUR AND SACLANT
PROPOSAL PACKAGES FOR SLICES XXXI-XXXV, AND COPIES WILL
BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WITHIN
THE NEXT WEEK. THE TOTALS ARE AS FOLLOWS (FIGURES
IN IAU MILLIONS):

SACEUR	1,270
SACLANT	230

NET MNC TOTAL	1,500
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PLUS CONTINGENCIES	150
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BASIC PROGRAM TOTAL	1,650
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PLUS 5 PCT INFLATION OFFSET 400

ADJUSTED PROGRAM TOTAL	2,050
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2. THE INFLATION OFFSET IS A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF WHAT
MIGHT BE ADOPTED AND DOES NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE REDUC-
TION OF THE UNEXPENDED BALANCE DURING THE FIVE-YEAR

PERIOD. IT DOES INDICATE, NEVERTHELESS, THAT A REASON-
ABLE OFFSET WOULD BRING THE TOTAL TO APPROXIMATELY IAU 2
BILLION.

3. TO THE ABOVE MUST THEN BE ADDED ANY NEAR-TERM COSTS
TO IMPLEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE-ELIGIBLE ITEMS UNDER THE
LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP). THUS, EVEN IF THE
BASIC SLICE XXXI-XXXV PROGRAM SHOULD FALL TO THE LOW
END OF THE SPECTRUM (SUMMARY OF REFTTEL), I.E., IAU 900
MILLION, WE SEEM TO BE ON THE THRESHOLD OF A QUANTUM JUMP
TO A NEW LEVEL OF COMMON-FUNDED PROCUREMENT. IT IS ALSO
LIKELY THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS EMERGING FROM
THE LTDP WILL FORCE AN EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY TO
ACCOMMODATE A NEW FAMILY OF LOGISTICS SUPPORT CATEGORIES.
THE CIVIL AND MILITARY STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE MUST BE
READY FOR THE KIND OF CHANGE AND FRESH THINKING THIS
IMPLIES IN THE LANDMARK INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM. WE WILL
BE WORKING TO THAT END. BENNETT

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